

MERRY PRANKS END THE  
YEAR '99 ON 'CHANGE.



The whole town turned out to see the prisoners march in to what were their quarters for several weeks. The itons have since been transferred to a schoolhouse.

sions are calculated to surprise others because the hoer General Smyrnan, who has already voiced his anger.

But the British republics cannot help for foreign intervention and pretend to relate the exact attitude of all the nations. The British republics, the British, who, the Colonel says, "fully sympathize with England." Biden-Powell makes a moralizing statement, "The British American Government has warned the others of her intention to side with England and aid the British." Biden-Powell, War Office dispatch from Colonel Biden-Powell, dated December 12, after announcing that the British republics are "well and as well at Mankel, adds that the bombardment and industry fire continue daily on all sides and that the British republics are "satisfactory."

General Cronje reports from the Modder River, December 24, that the Boers captured two British forts at Kuruman on December 17.

It is rumored that General Methuen's big gun has exploded.

The Transvaal Government has promulgated a new gold tax law by which individuals and companies working their own mines are taxed 30 per cent of the output, and the Government the Government will pay 50 per cent. Suspended mines will pay 30 per cent on their probable output, calculated on three months' workings. Reducing works will pay 30 per cent of their output. The law is retroactive to October 11th.

Cincinnati, Dec. 29.—At a meeting of Transvaal sympathizers in Welmer's Hall last night a toast to the "United States of South Africa" was proposed by the chairman, who mentioned as the members of the future government Natal, Cape Colony, Orange Free State, Transvaal and Swaziland.

Mr. Von Allotter, a member of President Kruger's cabinet, read a speech, in the course of which he said:

"We have now 4,000 Americans well drilled and equipped, and 50,000 on the way. Funds are coming from all parts of this broad land. We may need 50,000 men, and these are anticipated so that we have them. Even with the English we have the advantage, as our assertion that England will take possession of the Transvaal is a mere bluff."

(Copyright, 1899, by the New York  
Journal and Advertiser.)

Pietermaritzburg, Wednesday, Dec. 27.—A dispatch from Ladysmith, dated December 22, says:

"The Boers have mounted another howitzer on Surprise Hill, replacing the gun captured in the sortie of the Rifle Brigade, while they watch us nightly with a searchlight and bombard the place daily. They show no signs of assaulting the town. They probably think they can starve us out, but we have plenty of provisions. The total number of soldiers in the siege area is 70,000, and 236 wounded."

COFFEY IS NOT TO

The relative rank of Mrs. Admiral Dewey and Mrs. General Miles in society is still unsettled.

**Still at the Front.**  
The Pennsylvania Railroad has ever led the railroads of America in perfection of roadbed, equipment and excellence of service.

**Court-Martial of Captatin Shufeldt**  
Washington, Dec. 29.—The War Department has

The stipulation that the argument be on the demurrer's merits prevents any further success of Ramapo in seeking damages.

the Third Infantry, Lieutenant J. C. McArthur from the Third Infantry to the Tenth Infantry, Major L. A. Matile to Fort Slocum, Captain F. M. Paz from Havana to Puerto Rico, Captain I. McNutt to Reading, Pa., on business pertaining to the inspection of the

humbus. O. an business pertaining to the manufacture of 12-inch mortar cartridges; Major John Egan, detailed an professor of military science and tactics at St. John's College, Pougham, N. Y.; Myrle Willing Auman to visit recruiting stations at Syracuse, N. Y. and Geneva, N. Y.

**Still at the Front.**

The Pennsylvania Railroad has ever led the railroads of America in perfection of roadbed, excellence of equipment and excellence of service.